In re Appln. of Marc D. Porter et al. Application No. 10/017,467

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Group I consisting of claims 1-8 have been elected. Claims 9-29 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-8 remain pending in this application and are at issue herein.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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